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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A stencil for forming heat yieldable joining material, comprising:
- at least one pattern formation member; and
- at least one channel formation portion associated with said pattern formation member.
- 2. The stencil of claim 1, wherein said channel is configured to form an out-gassing channel.
  - 3. The stencil of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of pattern formation members.
- 4. The stencil of claim 3, wherein said channel is defined by a plurality of pattern formation members.
- 5. The stencil of claim 4, wherein a channel is defined between said pattern formation members.
- 6. The stencil of claim 5, wherein said plurality of pattern formation members comprises four pattern formation members and further comprising four channels defined between each of said pattern formation members.
  - 7. The stencil of claim 6, wherein said channels form an 'X' pattern.
  - 8. An electronic circuit board assembly, comprising:
  - a plurality of circuit boards
- a via extending through at least one circuit board, wherein said via is coupled to at least one component pad; and
- an electronic component coupled to said component pad by forming a joining material pattern on said component pad, said joining material pattern having at least one out-gassing channel.

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- 9. The assembly of claim 8, wherein said coupling further comprises heating said electronic circuit board assembly above a melting point of said joining material and cooling said joining material to establish a physical and electrical couple.
  - 10. The assembly of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of vias.
- 11. The assembly of claim 8, further comprising a joining material mask disposed on said via.
  - 12. The assembly of claim 8, wherein said component pad comprises a ground pad.
- 13. A method of coupling circuit board assembly and electronic components, comprising: providing a circuit board, wherein said circuit board includes at least one component pad and a via extending through at least one layer of said circuit board;

providing an electronic component;

disposing a joining material mask on said via;

forming a joining material pattern on said component pad, said joining material pattern including an out-gassing channel; and

heating said circuit board assembly and said electronic component.

- 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising cooling said circuit board assembly and said electronic component.
- 15. The method of claim 13, further comprising forming a plurality of joining material patterns on said component pad.
- 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising forming a plurality of joining material patterns on each of a plurality of said component pads.

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- 17. The method of claim 13, wherein said joining material comprises solder.
- 18. The method of claim 13, wherein said component pad comprises a ground pad.